

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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WQC Application Number
WQC # 171115-04

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the New Orleans District of the US Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to: [X] Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 USC 403); and/or [X] Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344).

Application has also been made to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services, for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in LRS 30:2074 A(3) and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

MAINTENANCE DREDGING OF SHIPYARD FACILITIES IN THE HOUMA NAVIGATION CANAL WITHIN TERREBONNE PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Gulf Island Fabrication, PO Box 310, Houma, LA 70361-0310.

LOCATION OF WORK: In Houma Navigation Canal, Section 11, T17S-R17E and Sections 17, 15 and 1, T18S-R17E at 583 Thompson Road in Houma, Louisiana, in Terrebonne Parish, within the Terrebonne Basin in hydrologic unit (HUC 08090302), as shown on the attached drawings (Latitude 29.54986 N, Longitude -90.70693 W).

CHARACTER OF WORK: The work described herein was previously authorized as MVN-2011-02558-WNN issued to Gulf Island, LLC. on February 27, 2012. The applicant has requested Department of the Army authorization to perform maintenance dredging on three existing slips and place the dredged material in a previously approved disposal area to allow ballasting of barges and vessels within the designated slip areas to proper draft. A total of approximately 445,900 cubic yards of accumulated sediment material are anticipated to be removed cumulatively from the three slips. The periodic maintenance activity is expected to occur on an as-needed basis. The proposed project would impact approximately 29 acres of non-vegetated water bottoms.

The applicant has designed the project to avoid and minimize direct and secondary adverse impacts to the maximum extent practicable. No impacts to vegetated water bottoms or to wetlands are proposed or anticipated and all dredged materials will be placed into a previously authorized disposal area.

The comment period for the Department of Army will close in **20 days** from the date of this joint public notice. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work, stating reasons thereof, are being solicited from anyone having interest in this permit and/or this WQC request and must be mailed so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Letters concerning the Corps of Engineers permit application must reference the applicant's name and the Permit Application Number, and be mailed to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, **ATTENTION: REGULATORY BRANCH**. Similar letters concerning the Water Quality Certification must reference the applicant's name and the WQC application number and be mailed to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality at the address above. Individuals or parties may request an extension of time in which to comment on the proposed work by writing or e-mailing the Corps of Engineers Project Manager listed above. Any request must be specific and substantively supportive of the requested extension, and received by this office prior to the end of the initial comment period. The Section Chief will review the request and the requestor will be promptly notified of the decision to grant or deny the request. If granted, the time extension will be continuous to the initial comment period and, inclusive of the initial comment period, will not exceed a total of 30 calendar days.

The application for this proposed project is on file with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and may be examined during weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Copies may be obtained upon payment of costs of reproduction.

Corps of Engineers Permit Criteria

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The US Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public, federal, state, and local agencies and officials, Indian Tribes, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the US Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to make, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to

assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

The New Orleans District is unaware of properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places near the proposed work. The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. Copies of this notice are being sent to the State Archeologist and the State Historic Preservation Officer.

The New Orleans District has determined that the proposed project is located in waters known to be utilized by the West Indian Manatee (*Trichechus manatus*). Utilizing Standard Local Operating Procedure for Endangered Species in Louisiana (SLOPES), dated October 22, 2014, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Office, the Corps has determined that with the inclusion of the Standard Manatee Conditions for In-Water Activities, proposed work is not likely to adversely affect the West Indian Manatee. Additionally, the proposed work has been determined not likely to adversely affect Pallid Sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*) as the cutterhead/suction dredge recommendations shall be included as permit conditions.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of up to 0 acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid shrimp. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial adverse impact on EFH or federally managed fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not violate water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services before a permit is issued.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

The applicant has certified that the proposed activity described in the application complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program (Louisiana Coastal Zone Application P20170537. The

Department of the Army permit will not be issued unless the applicant received approval or a waiver of the Coastal Use Permit by the Department of Natural Resources.

JOHN M. HERMAN
Chief, Central Evaluation Section
Regulatory Branch

Enclosures





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REPRODUCED FROM 7.5' MINUTE QUADRANGLE "HOUMA", LA.

VICINITY MAP PROPOSED SLIPS MAINTENANCE DREDGING SCALE: 1" = 2,000'

LEGEND

-  DENOTES AREAS OF PROPOSED MAINTENANCE DREDGING
-  DENOTES AREAS OF PROPOSED DREDGED MATERIAL PLACEMENT

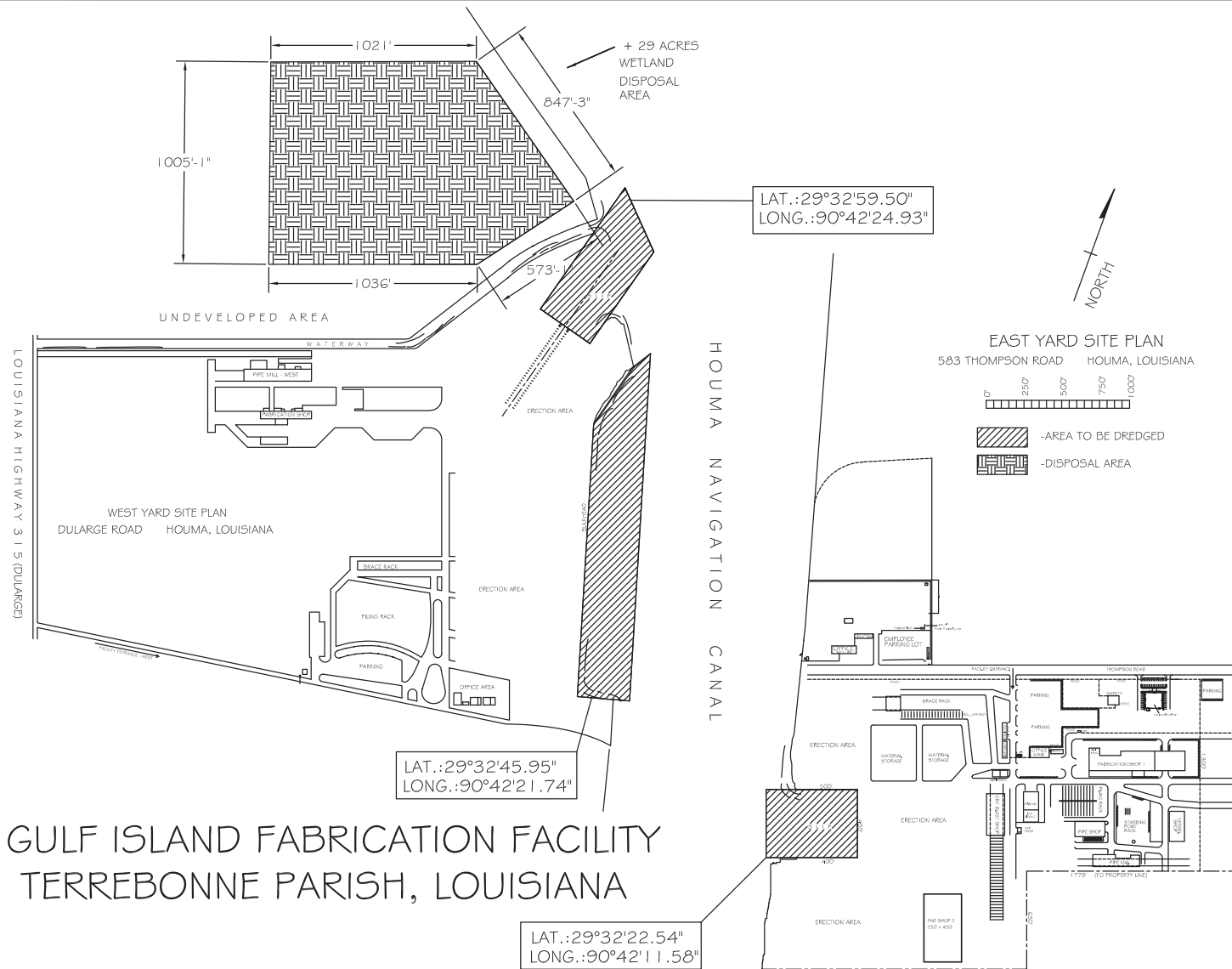
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REVISION DATE: 9/10/02
REVISION DATE: 8/27/02

DATE: 05/17/01

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GULF ISLAND FABRICATION FACILITY TERREBONNE PARISH, LOUISIANA

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REV	DATE	BY	DESCRIPTION
			REVISED
 GULF ISLAND, L.L.C. HOUMA, LOUISIANA			
PROPOSED MAINTENANCE SLIP DREDGING AT GULF ISLAND LLC			
DR	DATE	SCALE	DWG NUMBER
DR	10-02-11	NOTES	10001

EXISTING TPCG PORT SLIP (PERMIT # WN-19-970-0175-2)

PREVIOUSLY
APPROVED
DREDGED MATERIAL
PLACEMENT AREA

SHORT CUT CANAL

E. HOUMA NAVIGATIONAL CANAL

CARGO BARGE
(170'X650'X40')

EXISTING
SLIP

150' 150'
R/W R/W

JACKET
FABRICATION
AREA

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PLAN VIEW

WEST YARD-PROPOSED SLIP MAINTENANCE DREDGING SW(HNC)76

SCALE, 1" = 500'

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PROPOSED DREDGING TO MAINTAIN
DEPTH OF -39.22' M.L.G. (-40.00' NGVD)

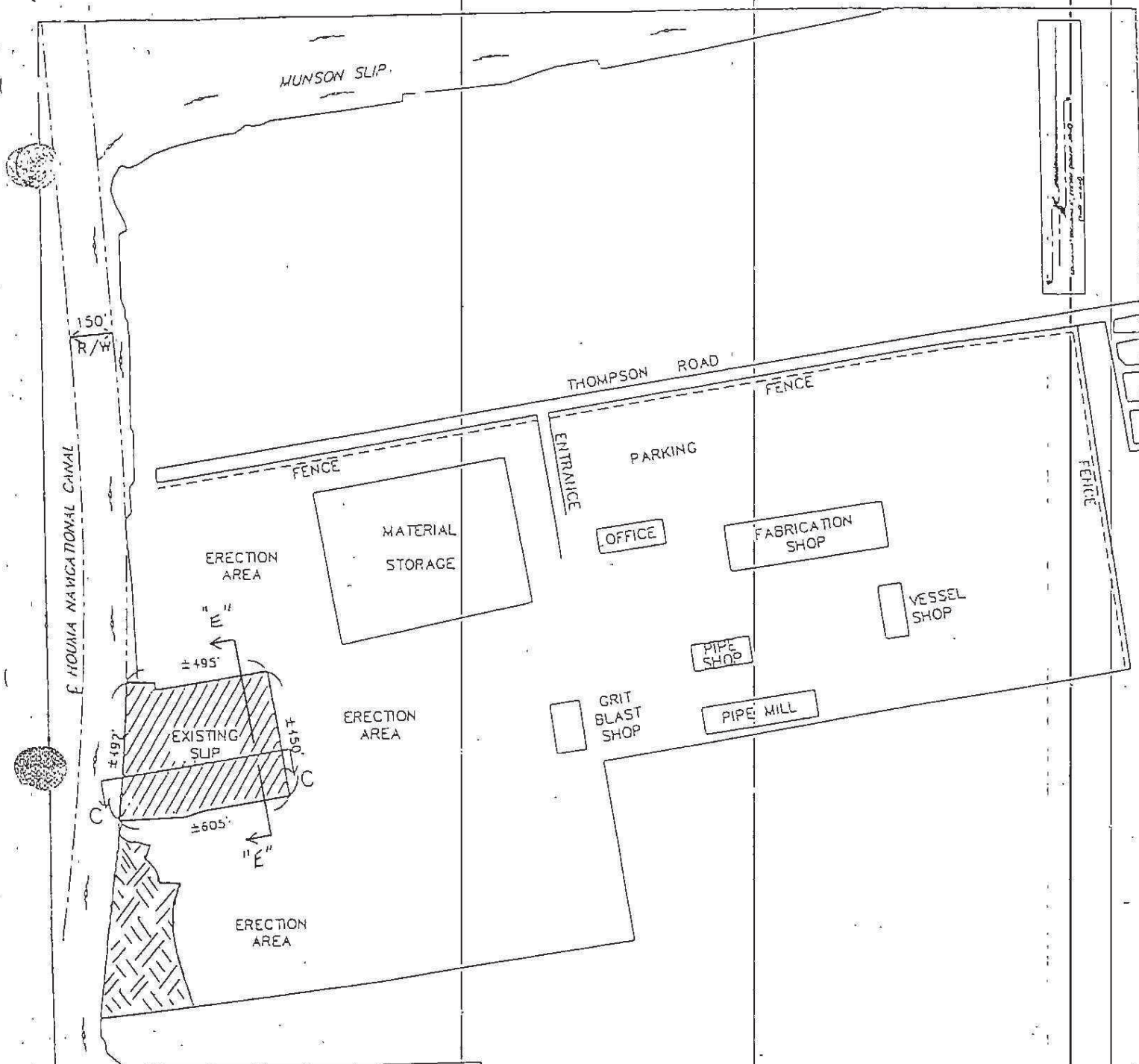


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APPROVED DREDGED MATERIAL PLACEMENT AREA
PERMIT # WN-19-970-0175-2

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PLAN VIEW
EAST YARD-PROPOSED SLIP MAINTENANCE DREDGING
 SCALE: 1" = 500'

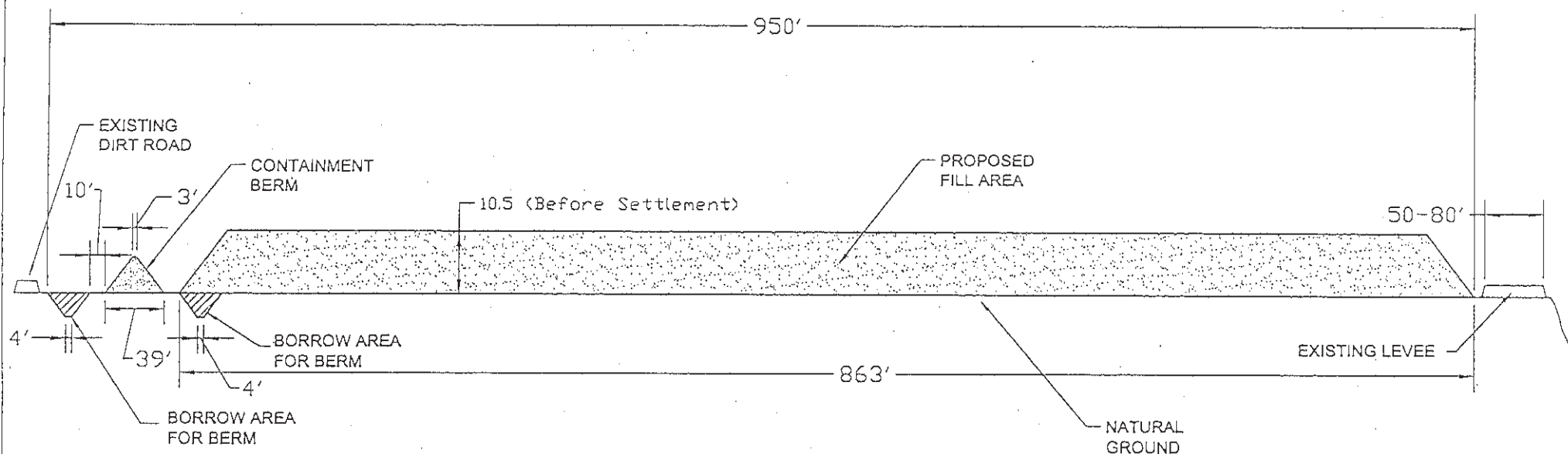


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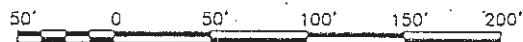
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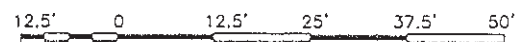


SECTION A - A
(Typical)

HORIZONTAL
SCALE: 1" = 100'



VERTICAL
SCALE: 1" = 25'

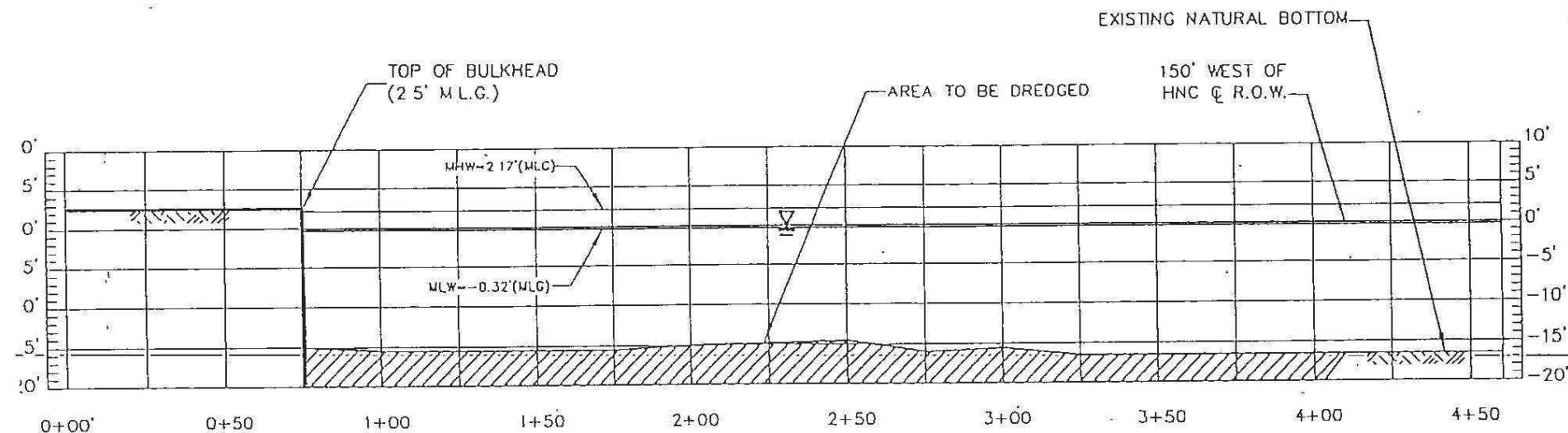



CROSS SECTIONS

GULF ISLAND, L.L.C.
PROPOSED DISPOSAL AND DEVELOPMENT
SECTION 11, T17S- R17E
TERREBONNE PARISH, LOUISIANA

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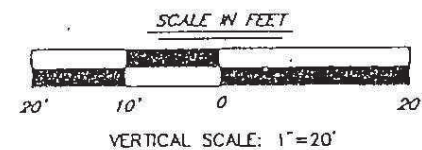
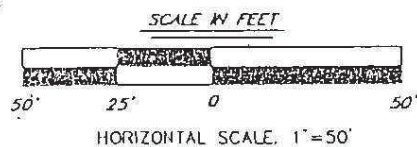




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 APPROX. ±107,991 CU. YDS. OF FILL
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WATER DEPTH DATUM: M.L.G.

CROSS SECTION "B-B" PROPOSED SLIP MAINTENANCE DREDGING-SW(HNC)29



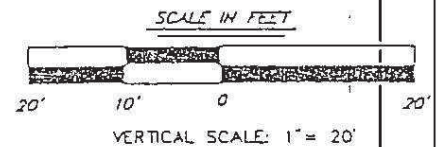
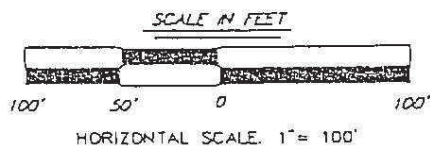
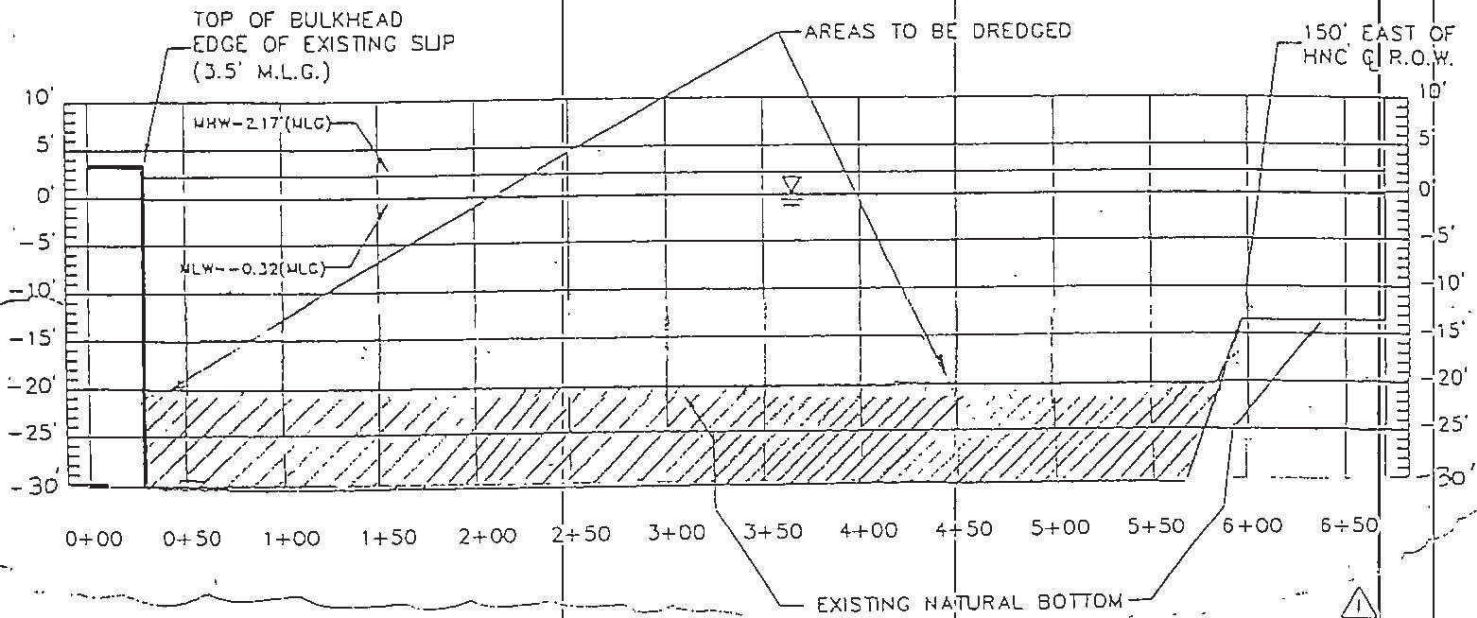

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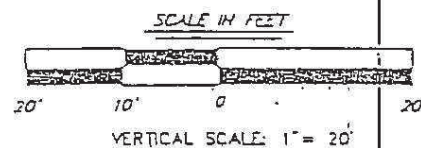
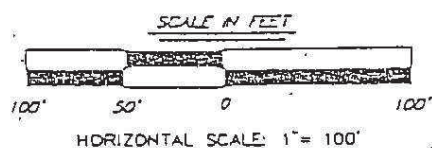
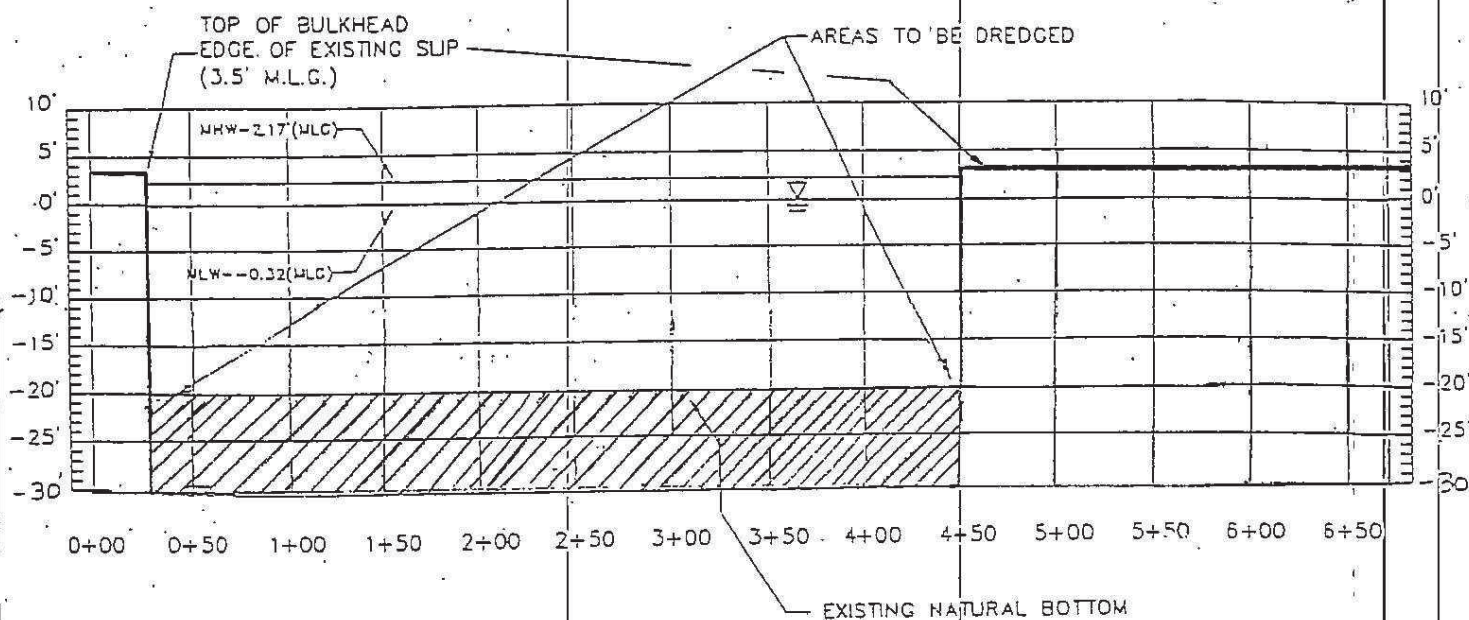
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CROSS SECTION "C-C" PROPOSED SLIP MAINTENANCE DREDGING-SW(HNC)75



APPROX. 118,000 CU. YDS. OF FILL
TO BE REMOVED & DEPOSITED
IN NON-WETLAND AREAS

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WATER DEPTH DATUM: M.L.G.

CROSS SECTION "E-E" PROPOSED SLIP MAINTENANCE DREDGING-SW(HNC)75



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